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ARTICLE 7

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 1. Section 2-7-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 2-7 entitled "Commercial Fertilizer" is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-7-4. Registration.

(a) Each brand and grade of commercial fertilizer shall be registered by the manufacturer or by that person whose name appears upon the label before being distributed in this state. The application for registration shall be submitted to the director on a form furnished by the director, and shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~seventy-two dollars (\$72.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) per brand or grade registered.

- (1) All revenues received from registration fees shall be deposited as general revenues.
- (2) All applications for registration shall be accompanied by a label or true copy of the label.
- (3) Upon approval by the director, a copy of the registration shall be furnished to the applicant.
- (4) All registrations expire on December 31st of each year.
- (5) The application includes the following information:
 - (i) The brand and grade;
 - (ii) The guaranteed analysis;
 - (iii) The name and address of the registrant.

(b) A distributor is not required to register any commercial fertilizer which is already registered under this chapter by another person, providing the label does not differ in any respect.

(c) A distributor is not required to register each grade of commercial fertilizer formulated according to specifications which are furnished by a consumer prior to mixing.

(d) The plant nutrient content of each and every brand and grade of commercial fertilizer must remain uniform for the period of registration.

SECTION 2. Section 4-2-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-2 entitled "Commercial Feeds" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4-2-4. Registration.

(a) No person shall manufacture a commercial feed in this state, unless he or she has filed with the director on forms provided by the director, his or her name, place of business and location of each manufacturing facility in this state.

(b) No person shall distribute in this state a commercial feed except a customer formula feed, which has not been registered pursuant to this section. The application for registration, accompanied by a ~~sixty dollar (\$60.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) per brand registration fee, shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by the director, on forms furnished by the director. A tag, label, or facsimile for each brand to be registered must accompany the application. Upon approval by the director, the registration shall be issued to the applicant. All registrations expire on the 31st day of December of each year.

(c) The director is empowered to refuse registration of any commercial feed not in compliance with this chapter and to cancel any registration subsequently found not to be in compliance with any provisions of this chapter provided, that no registration shall be refused or canceled unless the registrant has been given an opportunity to be heard before the director and to amend his or her application in order to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

(d) Changes of either chemical or ingredient composition of a registered commercial feed may be permitted with no new registration required provided there is satisfactory evidence that those changes would not result in a lowering of the guaranteed analysis of the product for the purpose for which designed, and provided a new label is submitted to the director notifying the director of the change.

(e) All moneys received by the director under this chapter shall be deposited as general revenues and shall consist of all fertilizer registration and tonnage fees paid pursuant to §§ 2-7-4 and 2-7-6 and fees paid pursuant to § 4-2-4.

(f) All moneys appropriated for the feed and fertilizer quality testing program shall be made available for the following purposes:

(1) To support the feed and fertilizer testing laboratory for the testing and analysis of commercial feeds distributed within this state for the expressed purpose of detection of deficiency.

(2) For payment of ancillary services, personnel and equipment incurred in order to carry out the purposes of quality assurance defined by this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 20-1-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-1 entitled "General Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

20-1-13. Publication and effective date of seasons and bag limits.

Notice of the director's intention to adopt regulations pursuant to § 20-1-12 and the holding of a public hearing on these regulations shall be published in at least one newspaper of general statewide circulation, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the public hearing. ~~These regulations shall remain in effect not longer than one year following the date of their effectiveness.~~

SECTION 4. Sections 20-2-15, 20-2-16, 20-2-17, 20-2-18, 20-2-18.1, 20-2-18.3, 20-2-30,

20-2-37 and 20-2-42 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-2 entitled "Licensing" are hereby amended to read as follows:

20-2-15. Freshwater fishing license.

(a)(1) *Resident*: ~~eighteen dollars (\$18.00)~~; twenty-one dollars (\$21.00); commencing July 1, 2025, twenty-four dollars (\$24.00); commencing July 1, 2028, twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00).

(2) *Nonresident*: ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~; thirty-eight dollars (\$38.00); commencing July 1, 2025, forty-one dollars (\$41.00); commencing July 1, 2028, forty-four dollars (\$44.00).

(3) *Nonresident tourist*: ~~sixteen dollars (\$16.00)~~; eighteen dollars (\$18.00); commencing July 1, 2025, twenty dollars (\$20.00); commencing July 1, 2028, twenty-two dollars (\$22.00). This license shall entitle the licensee to fish in Rhode Island for three (3) consecutive days including the day of issue.

(b) Freshwater fishing licenses shall expire on the last day of February of each year.

20-2-16. Hunting License.

(a)(1) *Resident*: ~~eighteen dollars (\$18.00)~~; twenty-one dollars (\$21.00); commencing July 1, 2025, twenty-four dollars (\$24.00); commencing July 1, 2028, twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00).

(2) *Nonresident*: ~~forty-five dollars (\$45.00)~~; fifty-five dollars (\$55.00); commencing July 1, 2025, sixty-five dollars (\$65.00); commencing July 1, 2028, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

(3) *Nonresident landowner*: a nonresident citizen of the United States and owner of real estate in Rhode Island assessed for taxation at a valuation of not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) may obtain a resident's hunting license.

(4) *Shooting preserve*: three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).

(5) *Nonresident three (3) day*: ~~sixteen dollars (\$16.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00). This license shall entitle the licensee to hunt in Rhode Island for three (3) consecutive days as validated by the issuing agent.

(6) *Resident junior hunting license*: fourteen dollars (\$14.00).

(7) *Nonresident junior hunting license*: forty dollars (\$40.00).

(b) Hunting licenses shall expire on the last day of February of each year.

20-2-17. Combination fishing and hunting license.

The director may grant to any eligible resident applying for a combination hunting and fishing license a license that shall entitle the licensee to the privileges of both hunting and fishing licenses, for a fee of ~~thirty-three dollars (\$33.00)~~ thirty-eight dollars (\$38.00); commencing July 1, 2025, forty-three dollars (\$43.00); commencing July 1, 2028, forty-eight dollars (\$48.00). The license shall expire on the last day of February of each year.

20-2-18. Deer Permits

1 (a)(1) Resident: ~~twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50)~~ thirteen dollars (\$13.00);
2 commencing July 1, 2025, fourteen dollars (\$14.00); commencing July 1, 2028, fifteen dollars
3 (\$15.00).

4 (2) Nonresident: ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-six dollars and fifty cents (~~\$25.50~~\$26.50);
5 commencing July 1, 2025, twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$27.50); commencing July 1, 2028,
6 twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$28.50).

7 (b) A deer permit is good only for the season in which it is issued.

8 **20-2-18.1. Wild turkey permits.**

9 (a) No person shall attempt to take any wild turkey without first obtaining a regular hunting
10 license and a turkey permit for the current year. Permits shall be sold at the direction of the director
11 for a fee of ~~seven dollars and fifty cents~~ eight dollars (\$7.50\$8.00) for residents and twenty-one
12 dollars and fifty cents (\$20.00\$21.50) for nonresidents. Commencing July 1, 2025, permits shall
13 be sold for a fee of nine dollars (\$9.00) for residents and twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) for
14 nonresidents. Commencing July 1, 2028, permits shall be sold for a fee of ten dollars and fifty cents
15 (\$10.50) for residents and twenty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$24.50) for nonresidents. The issuing
16 agent may retain a fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for each permit and shall remit ~~seven dollars (\$7.00) for~~
17 ~~resident permits and nineteen dollars and fifty cents (\$19.50) for nonresident permits~~ the remainder
18 to the department.

19 (b) A wild turkey permit shall be good only for the season in which it is issued.

20 (c) All monies derived by the department from the sale of wild turkey permits shall be
21 expended for turkey habitat acquisition in Rhode Island and wild turkey restoration management
22 and research.

23 **20-2-18.3. Stocked game bird permit fees and bag limits.**

24 Permits shall be sold at the direction of the director for a fee of ~~fifteen~~ seventeen dollars
25 ~~and fifty cents (\$15.50~~\$17.00). Commencing July 1, 2025, the fee for a permit shall be eighteen
26 dollars and fifty cents (\$18.50). Commencing July 1, 2028, the fee for a permit shall be twenty-one
27 dollars (\$21.00). The issuing agent will retain a fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) for each permit and shall
28 remit ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ the remainder to the department. The permit will allow the person to
29 harvest a daily bag and season limit as described in regulations promulgated by the director. All
30 monies derived by the department from the sale of stocked game bird permits shall be expended
31 for stocking game birds and wildlife habitat acquisition in Rhode Island.

32 **20-2-30. Fur trapping and licenses.**

33 (a)(1) Fur trapper – Resident: ~~ten~~ fifteen dollars (~~\$10.00~~\$15.00); commencing July 1, 2025,
34 twenty dollars (\$20.00); commencing July 1, 2028, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

1 (2) Fur trapper – Nonresident: ~~thirty~~ fifty dollars (~~\$30.00~~\$50.00); commencing July 1,
2 2025, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00); commencing July 1, 2028, one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

3 (b) Fur trapper and fur licenses expire on the last day of March of each year.

4 **20-2-37. Waterfowl stamp fees.**

5 (a) Stamps shall be sold at the direction of the director for a fee of ~~seven~~ eight dollars ~~and~~
6 ~~fifty cents (\$7.50)~~\$8.00. Commencing July 1, 2025, the fee for a stamp shall be nine dollars (\$9.00).
7 Commencing July 1, 2028, the fee for a stamp shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). The issuing agent may
8 retain a fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for each stamp and shall remit ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ the remainder
9 of each fee to the department. The director shall establish a uniform sale price for all categories of
10 by-products.

11 (b) [Deleted by P.L. 2002, ch. 65, art. 13, § 16.]

12 **20-2-42. Trout conservation stamp fee.**

13 Stamps shall be sold at the direction of the director for a fee of five dollars and fifty cents
14 (\$5.50). Commencing July 1, 2025, the fee for a stamp shall be six dollars (\$6.00). Commencing
15 July 1, 2028, the fee for a stamp shall be six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50). The issuing agent may
16 retain a fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for each stamp sold and shall remit ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ the
17 remainder of each fee to the department. The director shall establish uniform sale prices for all
18 categories of by-products.

19 SECTION 5. Section 23-25-6.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-25 entitled "Pesticide
20 Control" is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 **23-25-6.1. Registration fee - Surcharge.**

22 In addition to the annual registration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as required by § 23-25-6,
23 an additional ~~one hundred fifty dollar (\$150)~~ two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) registration surcharge
24 fee shall be imposed upon each pesticide to be sold or used within the state, unless the director has
25 determined the subject product is a "statewide minor use" product pursuant to § 23-25-6(b)(3). The
26 registration surcharge fee shall be deposited as general revenues.

27 SECTION 6. This article shall take effect on July 1, 2021.